

INDEPENDENT APPEAL FORM

2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR

NOTE: Please DO NOT submit your appeal to the Financial Aid Office until your FAFSA has been filed with the federal processor. Initially, submit only your information on the FAFSA. If your appeal is approved, UCLA will submit a dependency override to the processor electronically. If your appeal is denied, you will be instructed to go back to your FAFSA to provide parental information.

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

UCLA Identification Number

E-Mail Address

Students classified as dependent may petition to be reclassified as independent based upon documented adverse family circumstances that make obtaining your parents' FAFSA information impossible. Examples of adverse conditions include severe estrangement from parents, an unsafe home environment, or unknown whereabouts of your parents. **Extenuating family circumstances do not include financial hardship, a parent's unwillingness to provide financial support or the fact that you are completely self-sufficient.** In order for your appeal to be approved, you must be able to document that all financial and emotional contact with your parents has been severed as a result of the adverse family circumstance.

The following information must be submitted before we can review your appeal:

1. A detailed narrative explaining the adverse family circumstances (see page 2).
2. A letter from a professional (counselor, therapist, member of the clergy, social worker, etc.), on a letterhead, substantiating and documenting the existence of your adverse family circumstances.
3. A second letter from a person having comprehensive knowledge regarding the existence of the adverse condition.
4. Verification of your 2006 Income (see page 3)
5. Verification of your current living arrangements (see page 3)

Section A: Please check one of the following boxes

_____ I am submitting the Independent Appeal form for initial consideration during the 2007-2008 academic year. I understand that if my appeal is approved, I must submit an Independent Appeal Form for each subsequent year I wish to receive financial aid.

_____ My Independent Appeal was approved in a prior academic year. However, Federal Regulations require me to submit a statement verifying that the documented adverse family circumstances still exist. This information is being provided in **Section B**, of this appeal form. **You are also required to complete Sections C, D and the Certification Statement on page 3.**

C: Verification of 2006 Income

_____ I have attached a copy of my 2006 Federal Income Tax form 1040/1040A/1040EZ, along with all schedules and W-2's.

_____ I have not and will not file a Federal Income Tax form 1040/1040A/1040EZ for 2006.

Earnings and/or Other Income: During 2006, I had income/earnings from the following sources in the amounts listed below: *(Attach a copy of each W-2 form)*

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Section D: Verification of Current Living Arrangements

_____ I have attached a copy of my current lease or rental agreement verifying that I no longer reside in my parents' household.

_____ I do not have a current lease or rental agreement for my place of residence. However, I am providing a signed statement from my current landlord/roommate verifying my tenancy. (Include the following information: address of residence, first date of tenancy, monthly amount of rent paid.)

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I certify that all information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date

Return to:

**UCLA Financial Aid Office
A-129 Murphy Hall
Box 951435
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1435**